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Sent: 3/10/2021 11:51:18 PM
To: Ota, Allan [Ota.Allan@epa.gov]
CC: r9records [r9records@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOIA search request - suggested key words: ocean dumping; ocean dumping permits; Montrose Chemical Corporation, chlorinated hydrocarbons

Hi Allan,

I'm not longer work for the R9 Records Center, but I'm sure they can assist you.

Have a great day!

Amanda

I work for ASMS, sub-contractor to Booz Allen Hamilton and contractor to OSRTI/IMB. I have been tasked by OSRTI/IMB to send this information/request and receive your replies. Please contact the SEMS Reference Desk by email at SEMS_ReferenceDesk@epa.gov, or contact the TOCOR, William Bushee at (703)603-8963 if you have any questions or comments.

From: Ota, Allan <Ota.Allan@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Potter, Amanda <potter.amanda@epa.gov>
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Importance: High

Hi, Amanda.

I received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records pertaining to ocean dumping of DDT products in Southern California. Specifically, this is a request for copies of correspondence and barge (transport) reports associated with ocean dumping permits that may have been issued by EPA Region 9 to Montrose Chemical Corporation between May 1973 and January 1977. I am not aware of any program records in our immediate office files and, based on the dates, I'm not convinced that any such records would still be in our Regional Archives (where you sit). I'm guessing these older records, if they still exist, would be at the Federal Archives (in San Bruno; still there?).

As such, I am requesting a search for any records that would match the description in this FOIA request. I have provided some key words in the subject line of this email, and I have attached a copy of the FOIA request which you can review and add any other key words you determine to improve the search request.

I will be very interested to find out if any records dating back to 1973-1977 are still there. As I recall, a previous request for records going back that far did not yield anything from the retrieved box(es). I started at EPA Region 9 in late 1989 and I was not aware of any such activities or permits, and unless these records were deemed important enough to avoid destruction, I would expect these not to exist after 10 years of storage...

Thank you for your attention to this.

-Allan

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Allan Ota

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If you have more than 20 MB worth of attachments to send to me,
Please contact me first by email to make arrangements to share the files.

“Live simply, so that others may simply live.” – Saint (Mother) Teresa

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